Amount provided for mid-day meal

†3812. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise amount provided for mid-day meal being provided in the schools with the help of Central Government during 2006-07 and to what extent it is more than that provided during the last year;

(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines to ensure that the children get nutritious and complete food in schools;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when Government would issue necessary guidelines for the same; and

(d) the authorities responsible for the quality of mid-day meal being provided to the children in the schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Mid-Day Meal Scheme was revised in September, 2004, under which funds are provided to States mainly for meeting cooking cost. State-wise funds released for 2004-05 (Sept., 2004 to April, 2005) and 2005-06 (May, 2005 to June, 2006) are given at Statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Guidelines of the scheme envisage that menu of the mid-day meal schemes, as far as possible, vary from day-to-day. It is possible to plan an economical, yet varied and nutritious menu and this must be done in consultation with local community, mothers, pupil teachers associations, Women Self Help Groups, as also nutrition experts. States have also been exhorted to add fruits etc. to mid-day meal.

(d) State Governments are the sole authority to ensure quality of meals.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise Central Assistance released towards cooking cost during 2004-05 and 2005-06

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	States	Funds release by Central Government	
		2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	7600.98	12441.80
2	Arunachal Pradesh	276.96	396.24
3	Assam	2,310.62	5462.37
4	Bihar	7,081.92	19719.27* (16030.20+3689.07)
5	Chhattisgarh	3,974.28	5204.57
6	Goa	60.42	119.34
7	Gujarat	4,804.29	7157.70
8	Haryana	2,174.32	3464.38
9	Himachal Pradesh	844.96	1429.61
10	Jammu & Kashmir	433.46* (246.85+186.61)	1282.23
11	Jharkhand	2,845.00** (1620.21+1224.79)	7180.10
12	Karnataka	6,589.00	10704.99
13	Kerala	2,453.00	2890.17
14	Madhya Pradesh	13,258.92	18613.56
15	Maharashtra	13,.995.44	12957.16* (7919.95+5037.21)

1	2	3	4
16	Manipur	218.98	501.43
17	Meghalaya	543.89	687.78
18	Mizoram	112.34* (63.97+48.37)	104.05
19	Nagaland	246.42	397.66
20	Orissa	7.356.12	4794.81* (1917.52+2877.29)
21	Punjab	1,309.86* (745.96+563.90)	0.00
22	Rajasthan	13,151.22	11479.63
23	Sikkim	113.50* (64.64+48.86)	211.52
24	Tamil Nadu	5,819.30	8964.30
25	Tripura	701.66	1063.91
26	Uttaranchal	1,233.64	1553.09
27	Uttar Pradesh	17,067.44	35637.00* (29553.00+6084.00)
28	West Bengal	12,280.00* (6993.37+5286.63)	22756.93
	TOTAL:	128858.87	197175.60

*Amount shown includes balance released in the subsequent year.

Filling up vacancies in NBB

3813. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted by Government to review the working of National Bal Bhavan, 2002 recommended that